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STATE OF ARIZONA**



***Presidential Preference Election
February 28, 2012
Filing Information and Important Dates***

Who may vote?

Recognized political parties choose whether to participate in the Presidential Preference Election. For 2012, only the Green and Republican Parties have opted to participate. The "Open Primary" provision does not apply to the presidential preference elections. [See Attorney General Opinion No. 199-025 (R99-049)]

Last day to register to vote? You must be registered with either the Green Party or Republican Party by January 30, 2012, at midnight in order to vote in this election.

Early Voting Early voting begins on February 2, 2012.

Candidate Filing Period

The filing period for candidates in the 2012 Presidential Preference Election begins on December 20, 2011, and ends January 9, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. Candidates seeking nomination file a nomination paper with the Arizona Secretary of State's office. The nomination paper for Green Party and Republican Party candidates may be found on the Secretary of State's website www.azsos.gov

Ballot Order Determined by Drawing by Lot

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-245(B), "the order of the names of certified candidates on the ballot shall be determined by lots drawn at a public meeting called by the secretary of state for that purpose."

The public meeting to draw the ballot order for the Presidential Preference Election will be held on January 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Historic Senate Chambers located on the second floor of the Old Capitol, 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Candidates and/or their representatives are invited to attend the ballot order drawing.

Canvass

The official statewide canvass of the Presidential Preference Election is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 12, 2012, 1:30 p.m., at the Arizona Secretary of State's office.